



Attorney Docket No. 01848/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Y. KATOH, ET AL

Serial No. : 10/033,362

Filed : December 27, 2001

For : CUSHION TIRE

Art Unit :
Examiner :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date noted below.

Attorney: Leonard Holzz

Dated: March 21, 2002

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper, to Account No. 06-1378.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute amended claims 4 and 5, and add new claims 6-12, as follows.

4. (Amended) A cushion tire as defined in claim 1, wherein a number of projections are formed so as to project sideways on the inner circumferential side of both the side surfaces of the tire so as to abut against rim flanges of a wheel.



01933

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE